

## CHILD LABORERS ARE ILLITERATE

Census Statistics Show They Have Little Schooling in South.

Bureau's Investigation as Starting as Beveridge's Speech.

Over Million Employed on Farms Between Ten and Fifteen.

A picture of child labor conditions throughout the country, almost as startling as that portrayed by Senator Beveridge in his speech in the Senate, is given in a bulletin issued by the Census Bureau.

Figures, rather than a description of conditions, are cited in the bulletin, but they are not short of astonishing in their proportions. It was shown that, by the census of 1900, 1,750,000 children between the ages of ten and fifteen were employed as breadwinners. The term breadwinner is defined as one earning money regularly by labor, contributing to the family support, or assisting appreciably in mechanical or agricultural industry.

### Many Employed on Farms.

The most important occupation for children is that of agricultural laborer. The number of children between ten and fifteen so employed was 1,654,446. About two-thirds of the child breadwinners were employed on the farm, most of them members of farmers' families. Domestic service comes next in importance, 188,065 children being employed as servants and waiters or waitresses. Most of these so employed were girls.

About one-third of the children employed as breadwinners were fifteen years of age, and more than half fourteen or fifteen. The number of fourteen years was 796,623, or 45.2 per cent of the total.

Boys constituted 72.3 per cent of the total and girls 27.3 per cent. The percentage of breadwinners is greater among foreign-born children than native-born, and higher among negro children than white children.

The cotton mills lead other manufacturing or mechanical industries in furnishing employment to children. In 1900 there were 44,427 cotton mill operatives, ten to fifteen years of age. There were 7,422 messengers and errand and office boys.

Special statistics were compiled for 23,857 children, and it was found 73.9 per cent were living at home with their parents; 3,889, or 14.3 per cent were living with widowed mothers, and 578, or 2.4 per cent, were living with mothers who lived apart from their husbands. The number of children either fatherless, or not living with their fathers, was 4,942, or about one-fifth of the total number.

### Many Illiterate.

In the families with child breadwinners, it was found schooling rarely extended beyond the age of thirteen. Of the total number of children ten to fourteen years of age in the United States, 7.1 per cent were illiterate, as compared with 18.8 per cent for the child breadwinners of the same age.

The greatest degree of illiteracy was found among the children in the cotton mills. In the South about half the cotton mill operatives, ten to fourteen years old, are illiterate, and about one-fourth of those from fifteen to twenty years of age.

## WILL HEAR CITIZENS ON THE MADDEN BILL

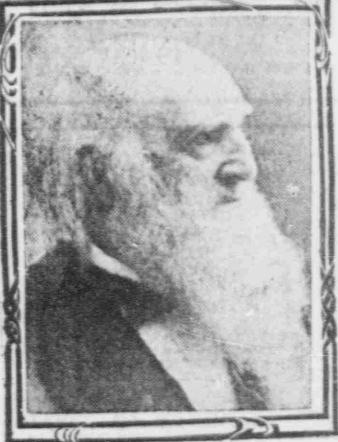
On Thursday, January 24, at 10 a. m., the House District Committee will hear any and all citizens of the District in regard to their position on the Madden and Wiley bills providing for universal street car transfers in this city; the Commissioners' bill, which gives the Commissioners absolute control over the operation of street railways in the District, and the Madden bill providing cheaper gas in Washington.

On Thursday, February 14, at 10:30 a. m., the committee will give a public hearing on the Weber bill, providing that Washington shall be a "dry" town.

## OLD LINCOLN HALL RUINS ON PRESENT ACADEMY SITE



RUINS OF LINCOLN HALL AFTER THE FIRE OF DECEMBER 5, 1886.



THE LATE A. S. PRATT, Who Was One of the Leading Workers in Interests of Y. M. C. A.

Building Erected for Y. M. C. A. Through Efforts of A. S. Pratt.

The accompanying illustration pictures of Lincoln Hall, the preceding structure on the site of the Academy of Music as it appeared after the fire of December 5, 1886. The building had been put up through the efforts of the late A. S. Pratt, who will be remembered as one of the active workers in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. of this city. In projecting the structure he was animated by the hope that the organization would eventually acquire all the stock to the "Lincoln Hall Association," and thus be able to possess its own quarters, where would be located a gymnasium, the assembly hall, meeting rooms, etc. But the support received from the Y. M. C. A. and its leading supporters was disappointing, and the fire that left the building as it appears in the illustration ended the hopes of Mr. Pratt, and upon the ruins was reared the theatrical and office structure which the conflagration of yesterday partly destroyed.

### COCKRELL RECOVERING: GOING TO FLORIDA

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Cockrell, who was formerly United States Senator from Missouri, and who has been sick at his home here for three months, will depart tomorrow for Florida, Fla., for three weeks' rest. Mr. Cockrell was so far recovered as to be at his office yesterday. He hopes to spend most of his time in Florida fishing, and later to return to his duties. His son will accompany him.

## INDIANS DEFEATED IN A HARD BATTLE

Mexican Troops Rout Big Yaquin Band Near Guayamas.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 25.—Reports were received of a desperate fight between Yaqui Indians and Mexican troops yesterday in the mountainous region southeast of Guayamas, Sonora, in the section on which is the station of Lencho, which was destroyed by the Yaquis in December.

The Mexican troops have been hunting the Yaquis since the Lencho incident, and have had frequent skirmishes with them, but not until yesterday were they able to force an engagement with any considerable force. In this fight, twenty Mexicans were killed and a number wounded. The Yaquis were defeated with considerable loss, but as they took both their dead and wounded with them when retreating, it is not known how many were killed.

Owing to the remoteness of the conflict from communication, particulars cannot be obtained tonight.

Representatives of the Mexican government are without official advice of the battle.

### LEAPS INTO THE SEA. IGNORES A LIFE LINE

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 25.—The Clyde steamship Comanche lost a passenger by suicide while still in sight of Sandy Hook lightship, just about dusk Tuesday, on her trip south.

A steerage passenger, Patrick Burns, was seen to leap from the forward rail into the sea. A buoy and line was thrown at once, but the man paid no heed to it.

The ship was stopped and a boat with the second officer in charge was quickly put down, but after an hour the search was given up and the Comanche proceeded to Charleston.

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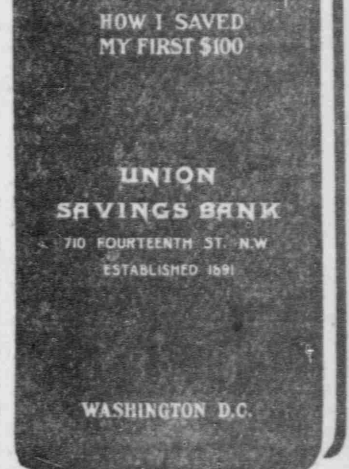
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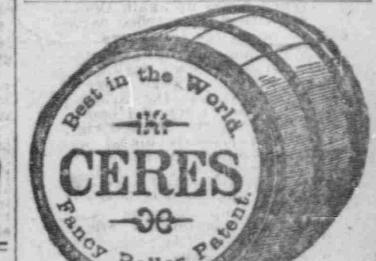
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